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In the Specification:

At page 1, following the title, please insert the following:

--This application is the national stage of international application PCT/US99/28403, filed November 30, 1999, and claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of U.S. provisional application 60/110,268, filed November 30, 1998.--

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2, 3 and 4, without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (amended) A method for identifying human individuals at risk of developing osteoporosis comprising assessing the genotype of tumor necrosis factor alpha 2 receptor gene in a sample of DNA from an individual, wherein a polymorphism of the TNFR2 gene (SEQ ID NO:1) is indicative of the human individual being at risk of developing osteoporosis.

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 are pending in the instant application. Claims 1-4 have been rejected. Claim 1 has been amended. Claims 2, 3 and 4 have been canceled. No new matter has been added by these